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REMARKS

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- 25X1  1. At 10:30 a.m. on 8 March 1954, 18 T-34/85 tanks were entrained in Wittenberg.  did not observe the end of the loading. 1
- 25X1 2. On 16 March, 13 T-34/85 tanks and 5 trucks passed through Coswig, coming from the direction of Zerbst and proceeding toward Brand. 2
- 25X1 3. On 16 March, a train carrying 12 T-34/85 tanks,  4 trucks,  and 1 jeep passed through Falkenberg, coming from Zerbst and proceeding to Brand. 2
- 25X1  4. At 3 p.m. on 17 March, a shipment of 9 boxcars occupied by troops; 4 rocket launchers,  about 40 trucks,  12 x 76.2-mm field guns, 1 jeep and 4 field kitchens passed through Beelitz, proceeding toward Seddin. 3
- 25X1  5. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 17 March, 3 pontoons on six-wheel self-propelled mounts, 17 trucks carrying engineer equipment and  200 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered blue epaulets and 20 officers were detrained at the Fuerstenberg railroad station. A second shipment of 480 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 20 officers, 4 trucks towing 4 x 57-mm AT guns and  4 trucks towing 4 x 20-mm AA guns and  5 field kitchens,  and 10 trucks  was detrained simultaneously. The troops left toward Menz. 4
- 25X1 6. At 1:45 p.m. on 18 March, a train of 10 boxcars and 20 flatcars with 20 tanks, presumably JS-3 tanks, was seen on a siding between Neubrandenburg and Burg-Stargard.

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- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. According to [ ] about 70 tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div had been entrained in Wittenberg already on 7 March. The shipment returned on 11 March. [ ] cannot yet be determined, whether [ ] erred regarding the date. 25X1
- 25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The two trains from Zerbst to Brand are fairly definitely believed to have carried tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div. It, therefore, can be assumed that, beginning on 26 February, exercises, presumably of all divisions of the Third Gds Mech Army, were held in the Brand area at staggered dates. 25X1
- 25X1 3. [ ]
- 25X1 4. [ ] Comment. It is rather safely believed that elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Schwerin were detrained. [ ] These movements were probably included in shipments from the division area indicated in railroad records. The movements were made in connection with exercises which started in the Neustrelitz-Neuruppin-Wittstock area after 17 March. 25X1
- 25X1 5. [ ] Comment. On 13 and 14 March, Soviet units presumably of the 7th Gds Mech Div, were dispatched from the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station to an undetermined destination. [ ] It cannot be determined whether the troops which arrived in Schoeneweide on 21 March were the same troops, who left on 13 and 14 March. If so, they presumably participated in exercises of the division, possibly at the Lieberose training grounds. 25X1

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